

REMARKS

No claims have been added, amended or canceled in this paper. Claims 1-50 are pending and are under active consideration, as discussed further below.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Patent Office communicates, in pertinent part, the following restriction requirement:

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species A: elect one disease recited, for example, in claims 11, 25, 37, and 48.

The species are independent or distinct because:

Species of group A, different diseases, are distinct because they are independent and data generated for one type of medical condition is expected to be different from the data generated for any other disease.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect ONE species from Species A for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Currently, claims 1-10, 12-24, 26-36, 38-47, and 49-50 are generic.

In response to the above, Applicants respectfully elect cancer as the species of disease. Claims 1-50 are readable on the elected species.

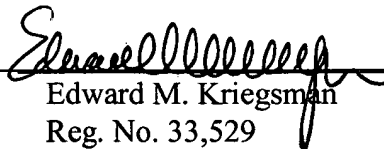
It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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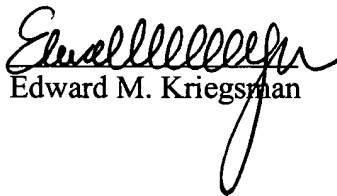
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